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General				
Name	ServiceCenter® 6.X Problem Management Training Manual			
Description	The Problem Management function of ServiceCenter <sup>®</sup> is accomplished through the use of "Problem Record". The solution is applicable to all existing users. Through automation, there will be overall process efficiency and quality improvements. The database will contain Incident and Service Request ticket data, Change Requests, Problem Records, details of each type of request, and user information.			
Purpose	Purpose The purpose of this training manual is to educate users on the ServiceCenter® v.6.1 functionality.			
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### **Overview**

The ServiceCenter® Problem Management module implements IT Infrastructure Library (ITIL) best practices to find permanent solutions for recurring Incidents. Problem Management handles the complete lifecycle by integrating the Incident and Change Management processes to apply a complete and closed-loop approach.

Using Best Practice methods, ServiceCenter<sup>®</sup> is a comprehensive and fully integrated IT Service Management tool that enables NG to improve service levels, balance resources and control cost. ServiceCenter<sup>®</sup> with embedded ITIL-based best practices quickly deploys consistent, integrated work processes across every part of the organization.

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this training manual is to educate users on the ServiceCenter® v.6.X functionality. Through the information in this Training Manual, the user will review how to navigate and perform Problem Management tasks through the tool. The user will gain awareness of the features, functionality, and incorporated enhancements as they relate to ServiceCenter® v.6.X.

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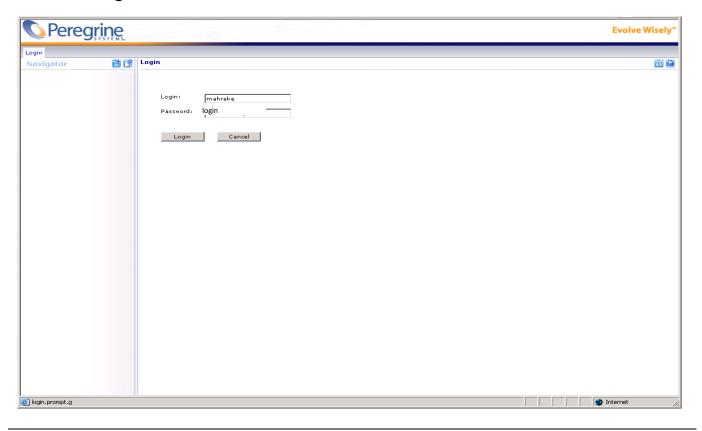
# Lesson 1: Logging in to ServiceCenter®

#### **Web Client**

 To launch the Web client the user will be given the URL for the production link prior to the Go Live date, the link below allows access to the development environment only. https://sceast.it.northropgrumman.com/sc/index.do

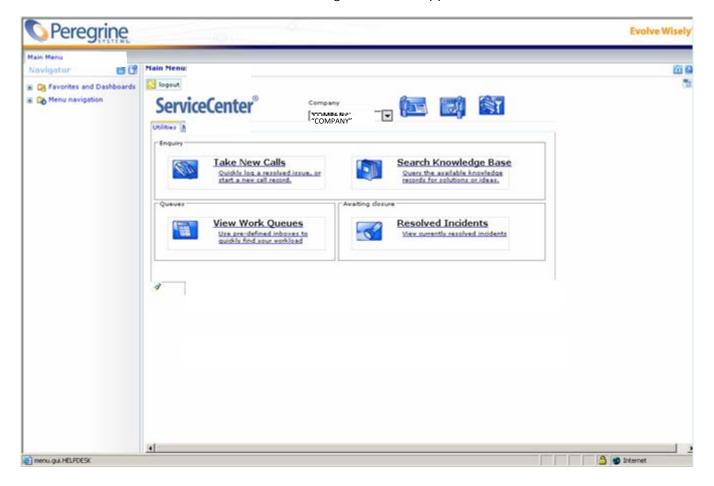
**NOTE:** Type **complete** user name, **(email account)** and secure password. **(john.doe@ngc.com)**. The password length must be between 8-10 characters it allows, alpha, numeric, and special characters a minimum of one each. Service center keeps 13 passwords before allowing a repeat, each password must be reset every 90 days and there is no minimum reset requirement.

- 2. Type the assigned user name and secure password.
- 3. Click the Login button to authenticate.



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4. After successful authentication, the following screen will appear:



Note: The screen also contains tools for system navigation located to the left of the logout button.

**System Navigator** - The System Navigator is a navigational structure that can be expanded and collapsed to view ServiceCenter<sup>®</sup> menus, tables, fields, forms, and other integral components.

**Editor** – The editor uses menus and tabs for navigation similar to previous versions of ServiceCenter<sup>®</sup>.

**Fast View -** Fast views are stored on the shortcut bar (the list of icons on the far left of the screen). When a fast view is created, the view minimizes to the shortcut bar where the user can access it when the shortcut bar icon is selected. Note: This is for the Windows client only.

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**Perspective** – Perspective is a new feature that allows an end-user to customize one or more views to provide all of the data and tools needed to complete a ServiceCenter<sup>®</sup> task. ServiceCenter<sup>®</sup> has a default perspective that is standard for accessing ServiceCenter<sup>®</sup> forms and data. Note: This is for the Windows client only.

There are eight major activities surrounding a Problem. Those activities are:

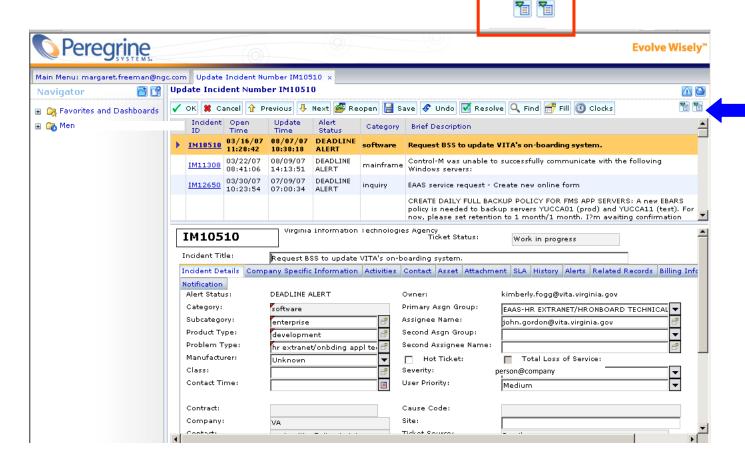
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- Opening a Stand-alone Problem
- Searching / Querying Problems
- Updating Problems
- Opening a Known Error
- Opening a Request for Change (RFC) from an Error Record
- Assigning a Task
- Closing a Task



# **Lesson 2: Opening a Problem from an Incident**

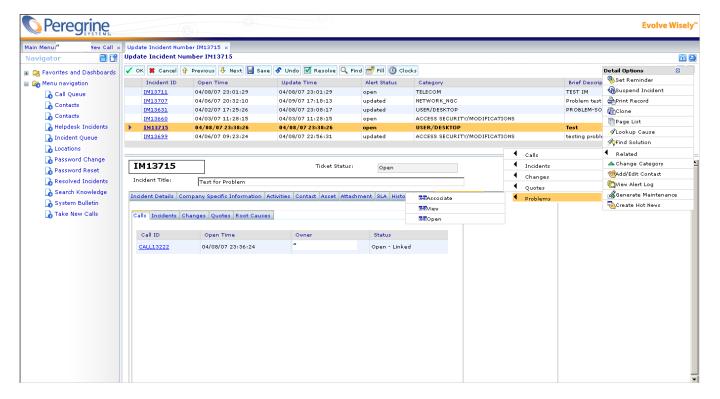
NOTE: To relate a Problem to an existing Incident, the Problem must be created **before** the Incident is closed.

- 1. From the Incident Record, navigate to the **Related Records** tab, (detail) icon.
- 2. There are two menu icons at the top right of the screen. The icon on the left is the **list** icon; the icon to the right is the **detail** icon. Click the **detail** icon.



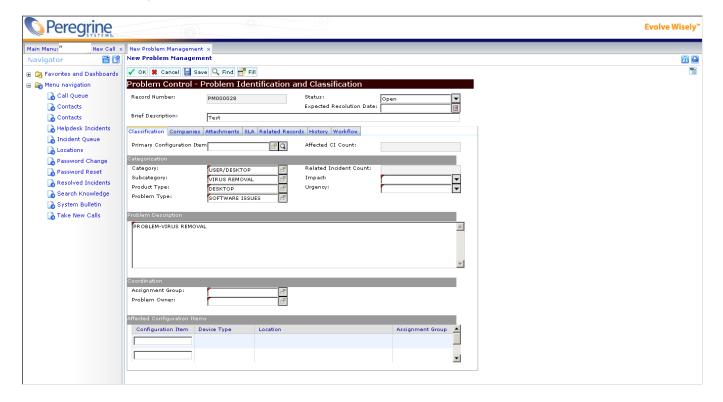
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3. Expand the menu to **Related – Problems – Open**.



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Note: The following screen shown below will appear:



Note: Some information from the Incident will automatically carry over into the new Problem.

- a. Verify the accuracy of the information brought over into the Problem. Correct any information that needs to be changed.
- b. Update the ticket with any additional information that is known about the Problem in the Problem Description area.
- c. Complete the rest of the required fields: **Impact**, **Urgency**, **Assignment Group** (must be in CAPS) and **Problem Owner** (**Note**: If Configuration Item information is known, input the data)

Note: The Incident Resolver and Problem Assignment Group will not always be the same group.

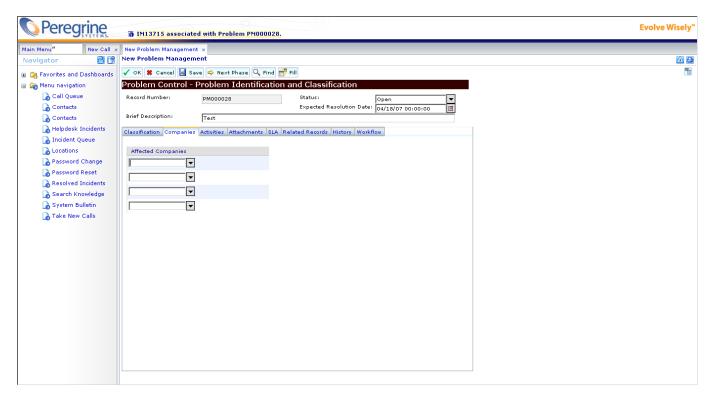
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4. On the **Companies** tab, select any impacted 'companies' in this environment.



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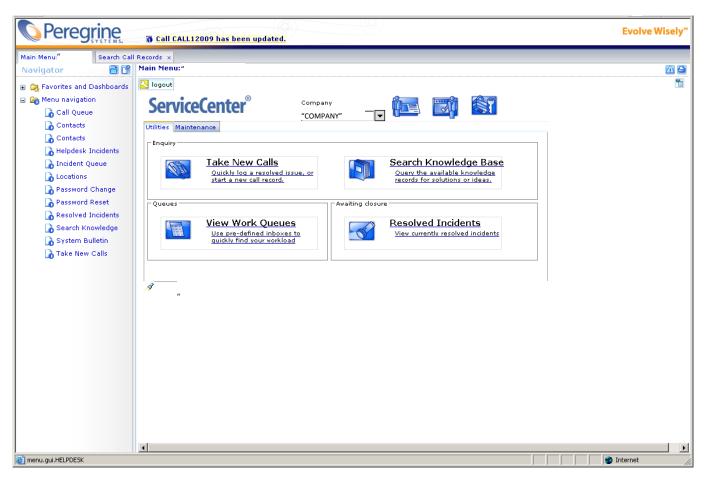
- 5. Click **Save** button at the top of the Screen.
- 6. The Problem will now indicate that it is associated with the Incident.



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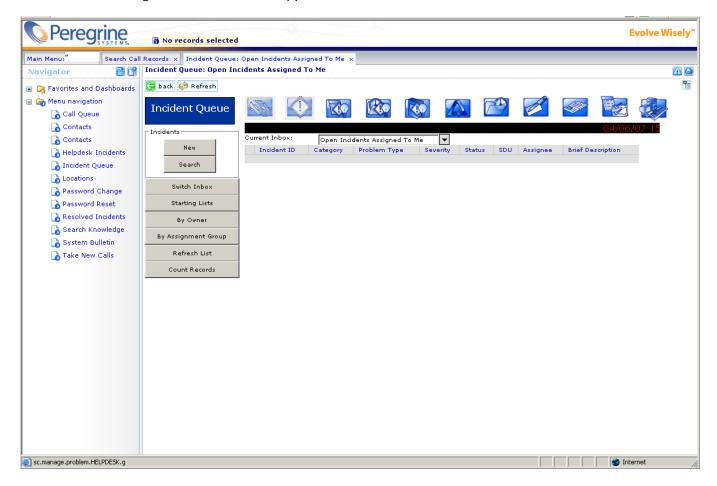
# **Lesson 3: Creating a Stand-Alone Problem**

1. Begin at the main menu and select View Work Queues.



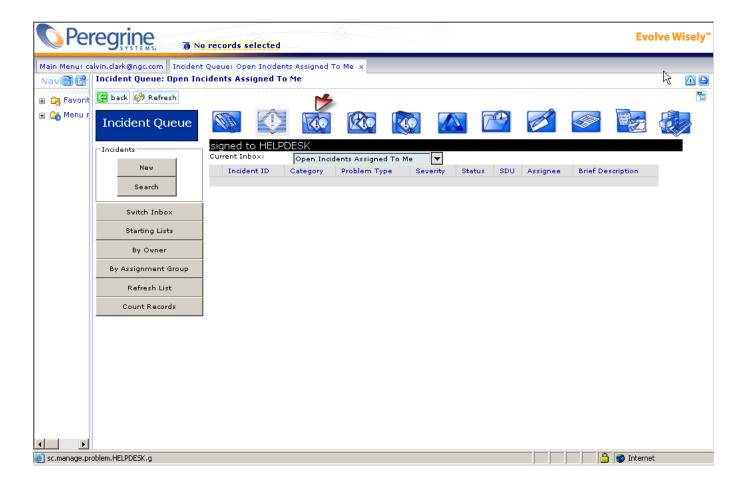
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Note: The following search screen will appear; the default screen is the Incident Queue.



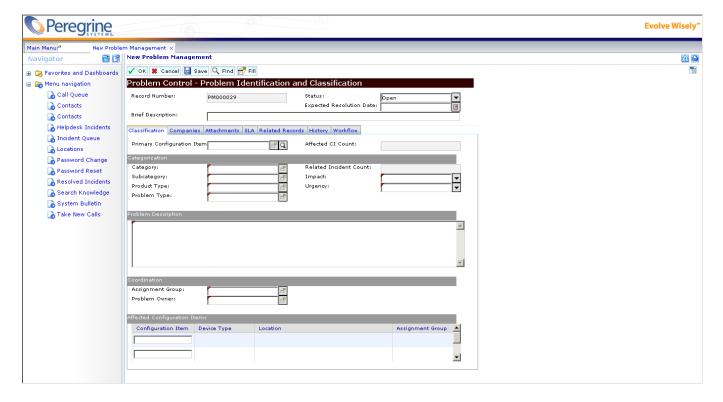
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- 2. Select the **Problem** Icon to jump to the **Problem Queue**, see arrow below.
- 3. Select **New** to open a Stand-Alone Problem.



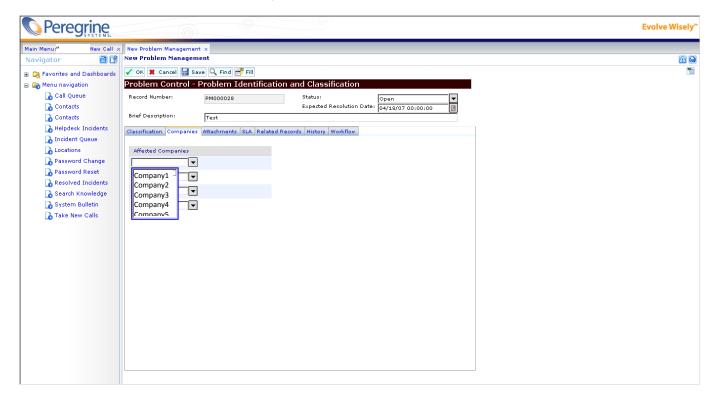
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- 4. Fill out the details of the Problem; **Brief Description, Expected Resolution Date** and **Primary Configuration Item** (if known), **Category, Subcategory, Product Type, Problem Type, Impact, Urgency, Assignment Group and Problem Owner**.
- 5. Fill in the **Problem Description** with the details of the Problem, and any other known information.



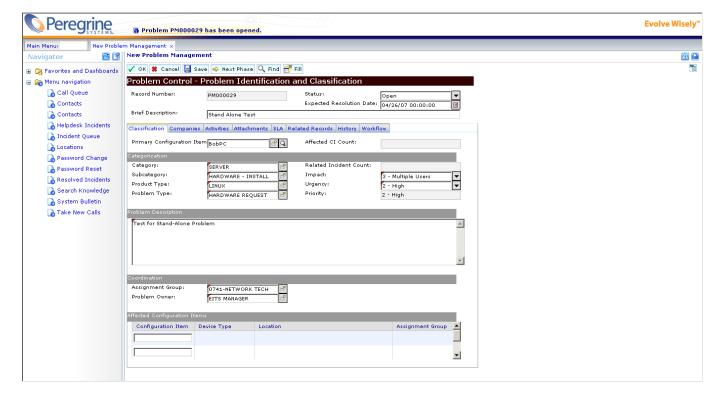
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6. On the **Companies** tab, select any impacted 'companies'.



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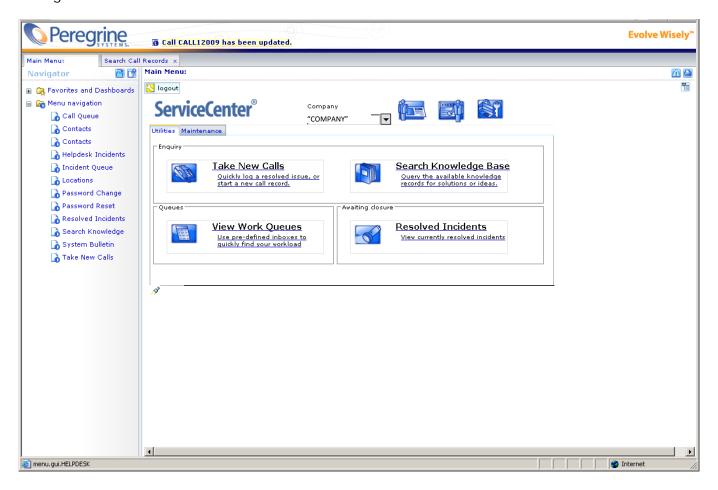
7. Click Save at the top of the screen. A message will state the Problem has been opened.



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# Lesson 4: Searching/Querying a Problem

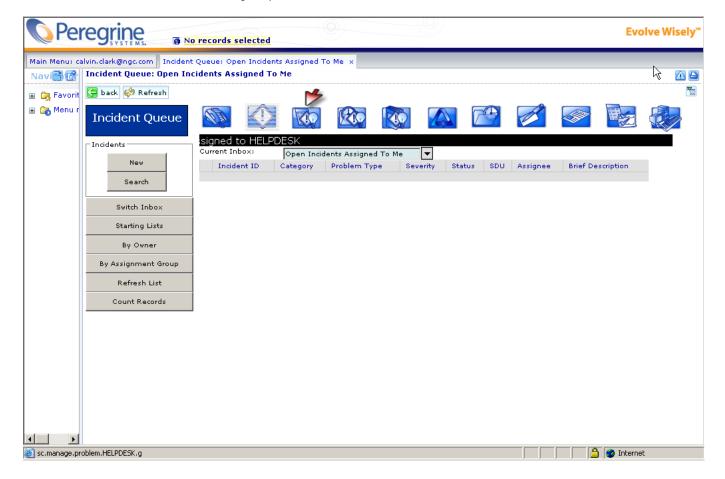
1. Begin at the main menu and select View Work Queues.



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Note: The following search screen will appear; the default screen is the **Incident Queue**.

2. Select the **Problem Icon** to jump to the **Problem Queue**, see arrow below.



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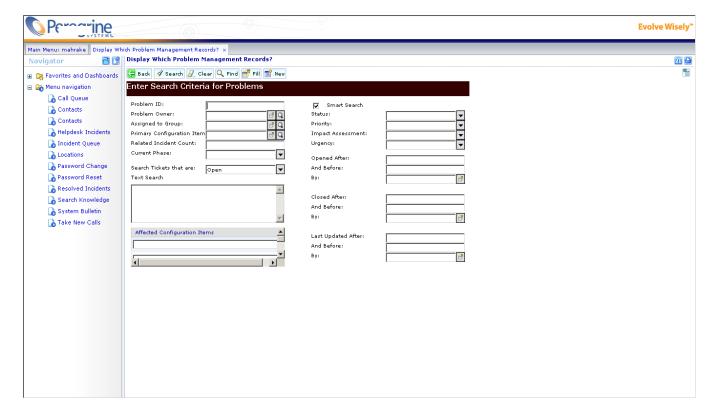
3. Click on the gray **Search** button to open the search screen.



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- 4. Enter the Problem ID number. Ex 000191, pm000191, PM000191 etc...
- 5. Click the search button at the top of the screen.

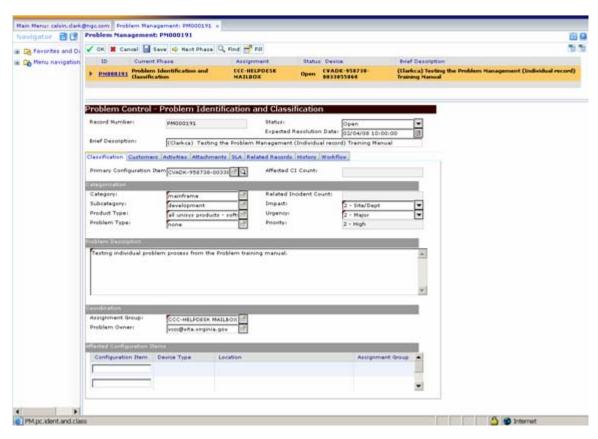
Note: A search can be performed by Problem ID number (if known), or use any other combination of available search fields.



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#### 6. The following screen will appear;

Note: The gold bar with the (PM ID) link below which will identify the selected Problem Record.

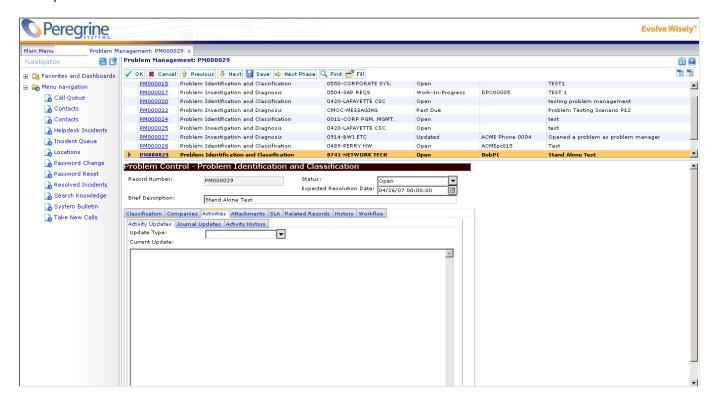


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### Lesson 5: Updating a Problem and Move to Next Phase.

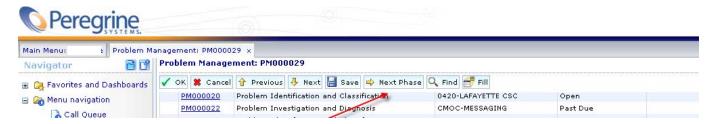
- 1. Locate the Problem Record to update by searching the Problem Queue.
- 2. Click the **Activities** tab. Select the **Update Type** drop down arrow and make the appropriate selection.
- Enter the appropriate data in the Current Update field.

Note: At this point save the Problem Record. Continue with the following steps to move the record to the next phase.



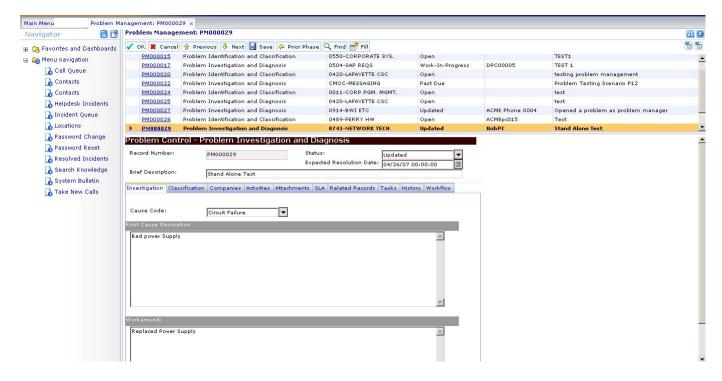
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4. To move the Problem to the next phase, click the **Next Phase** button.



Note: The Investigation tab is now assessable to update the Root Cause and Workaround.

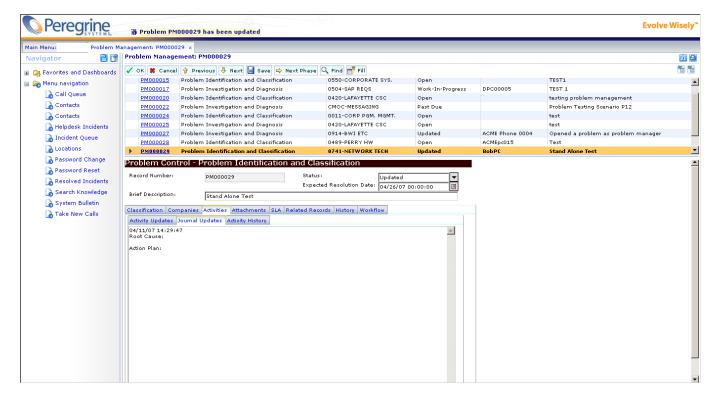
- 5. Select the **Cause Code** from the drop down arrow menu.
- Enter the appropriate data in the Root Cause and Workaround fields.



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7. Click the **Save** button at the top of the screen.

Note: A Message at the top of the screen will show that the Problem has been updated.



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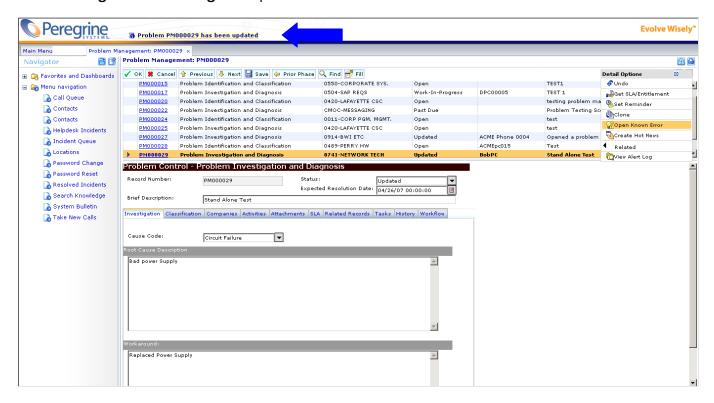
### Lesson 6: Opening a Known Error and an RFC

- 1. Locate the Problem Record to open a Known Error from by searching the Problem Queue
- 2. There are two menu icons at the top right of the screen. The icon on the left is the **list** icon; the icon to the right is the **detail** icon. Click the **detail** icon.

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3. Click on the Open Known Error Option from the Drop Down

Note: The **Open Known Error** option is not available, verify that the current phase is the **I nvestigation and Diagnosis** phase.



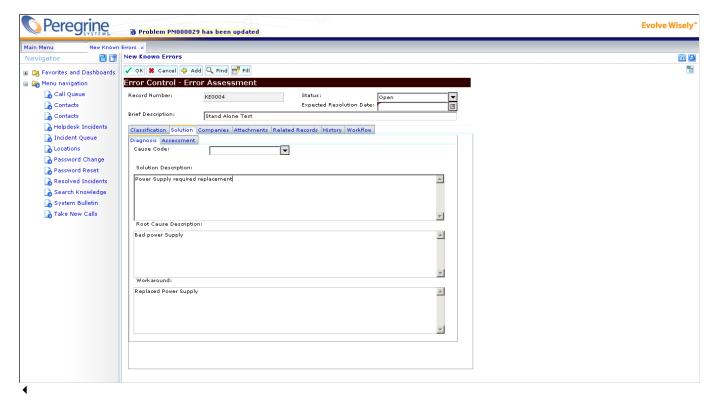
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- 4. The Error Control Screen will appear.
- 5. Complete the **Expected Resolution Date** and verify the information carried over from the Classification tab.



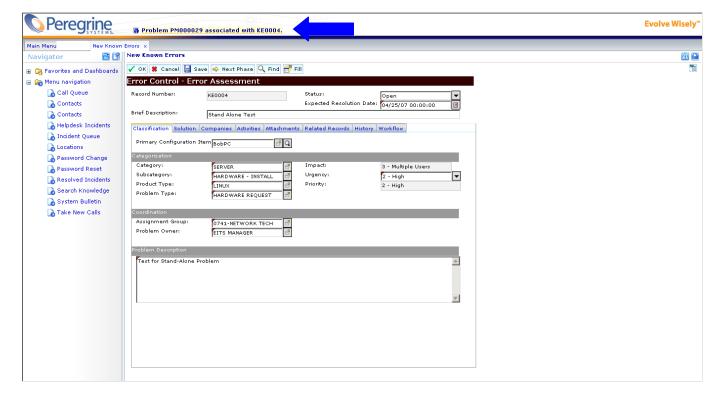
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- 6. Click on the Solutions tab. Complete the Diagnosis and Assessment tabs.
- 7. When the Known Error is complete, click on the **Add** button at the top.



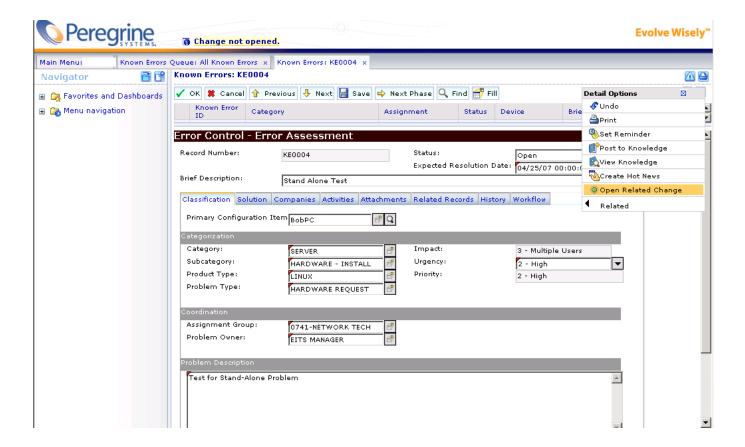
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8. A message will state the Known Error is associated with the Problem.



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- 9. To request an RFC from an Error Record, select the **Detail** icon at the top right of the screen. The icon on the left is the **list** icon; the icon to the right is the **detail** icon. Click the **detail** icon.
- 10. Click on the **Open Related Change** option from the drop down menu.



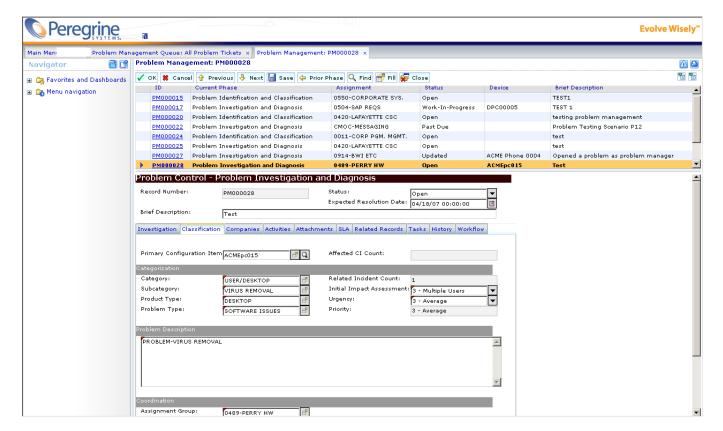
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#### Lesson 7: Tasks

### A. Assigning a Task,

Note: A Task can be used with a Problem to assign work to one or more assignment group(s). Task are tracked as a sub-process of the Problem.

1. Select the Problem that the task will be created in.



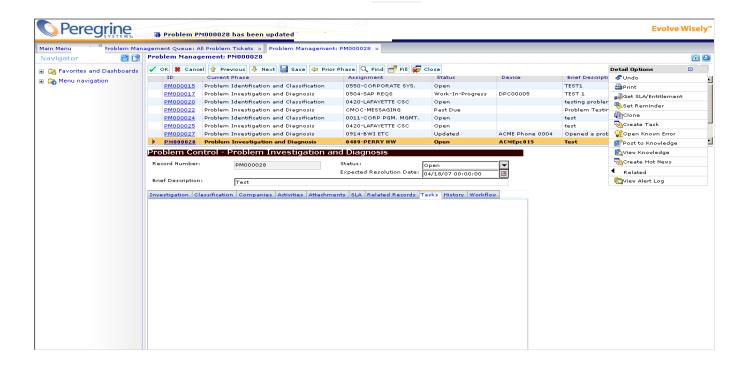
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2. Check in the **Tasks** tab for any existing assigned tasks.



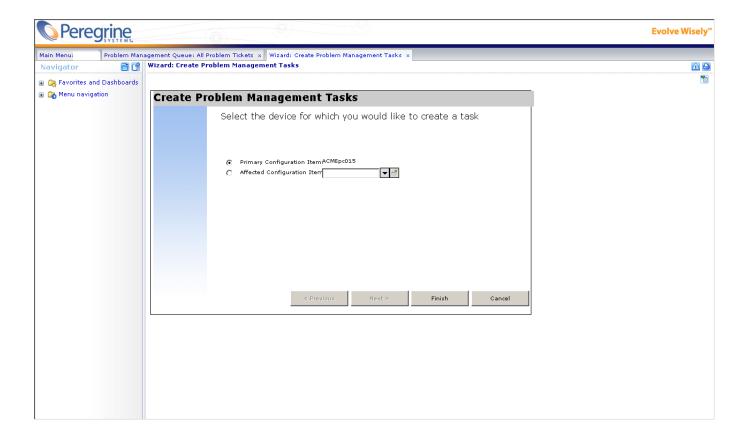
3. At the top right of the screen select the **Detail Options**, drop down and select **Create Task** 

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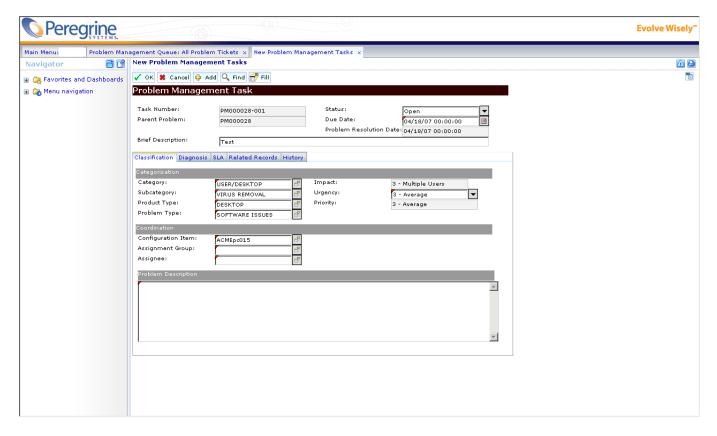
4. A Problem Management Task screen is displayed, prompting to select the current Configuration Item or to select a new one. Select the appropriate choice for the Task.



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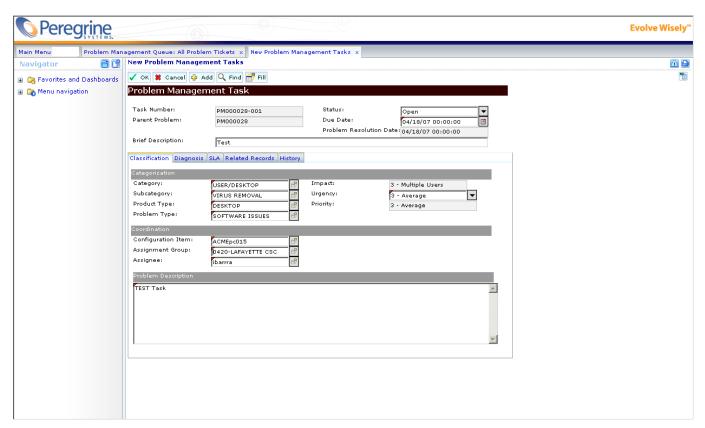
5. The new Problem Management Task screen is displayed.

Note: Information from the Problem is carried over into the Task and populated.



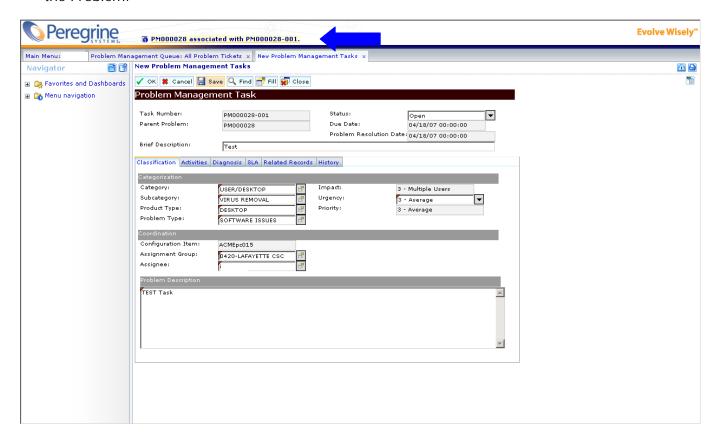
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- 6. Verify the pre-populated information in the Task, and correct if needed.
- 7. Add any additional information needed for the Task Assignee.
- 8. Update the Task with the Assignment Group and Assignee.



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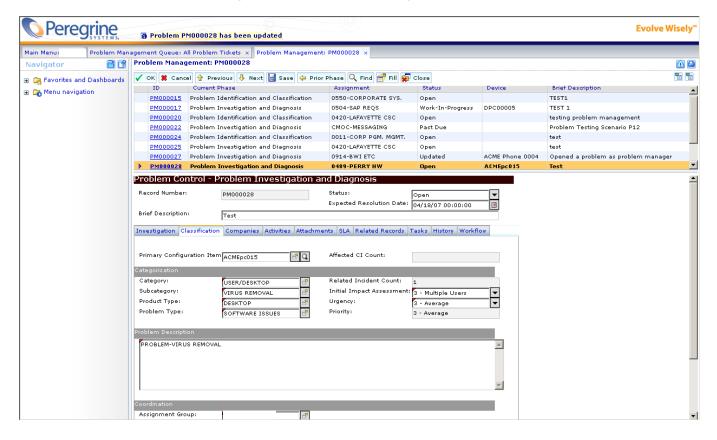
9. Click **Save** at the top of the screen. A message is displayed saying the Task is associated with the Problem.



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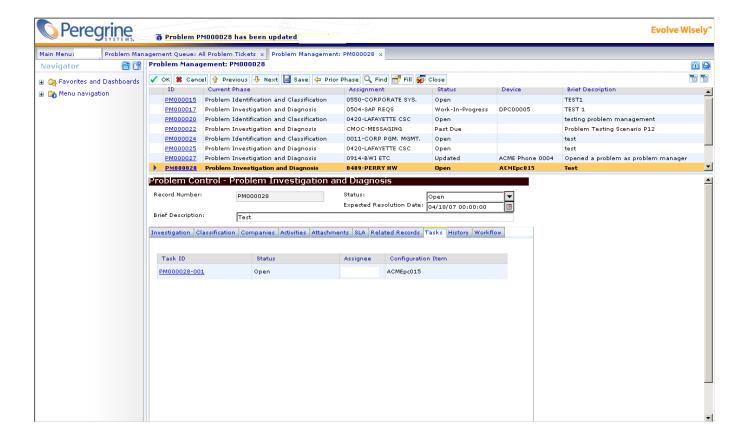
10. Click **OK** to exit the Task and return to the Problem.

Note: Multiple Tasks can be assigned to one or more Assignment Groups at this time.



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11. Verify the Task was added by clicking on the **Tasks** tab.



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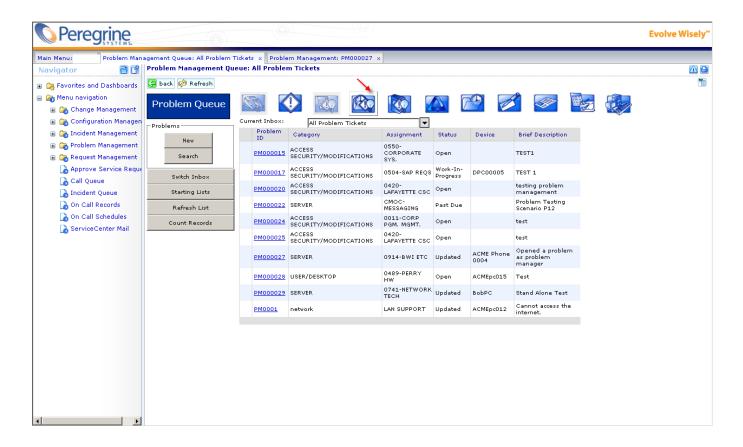
## B. Completing a Problem Task

Note: If already in the Problem ticket, access the Task from the **Task** tab.



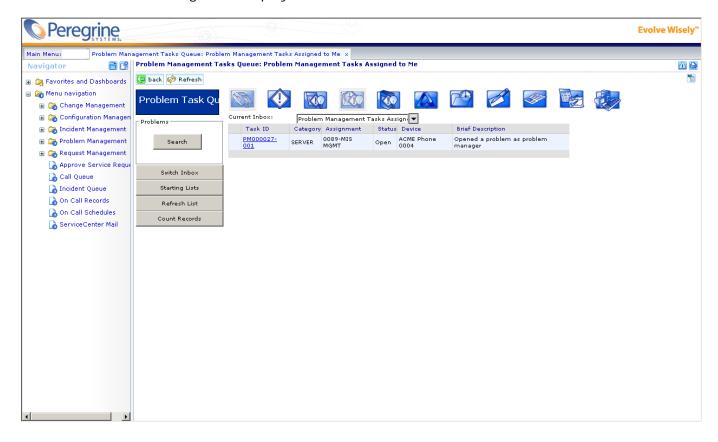
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1. To check for assigned Task, select the **Problem Management Task List** from the main menu.



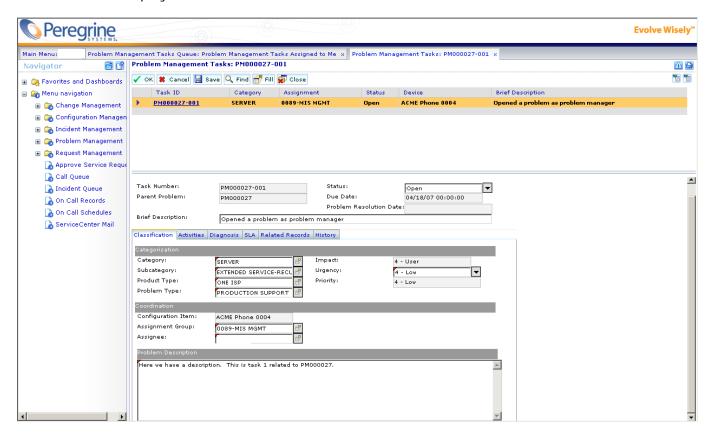
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2. A list of all Tasks assigned is displayed. Select the Task to work on.



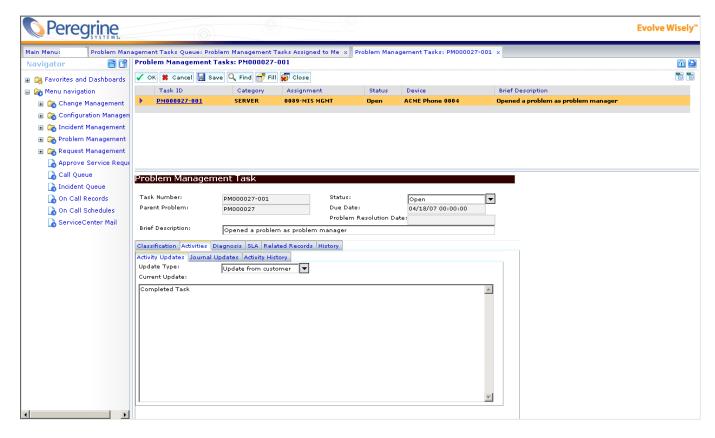
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3. The Task is displayed with its current status.



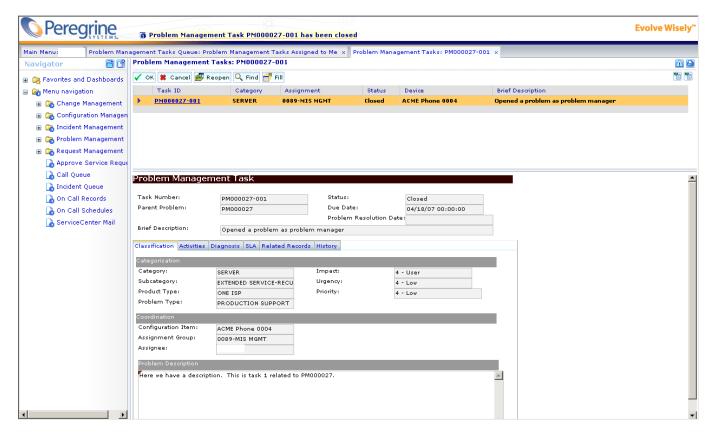
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4. Update the Task with new information on the **Activities** tab.



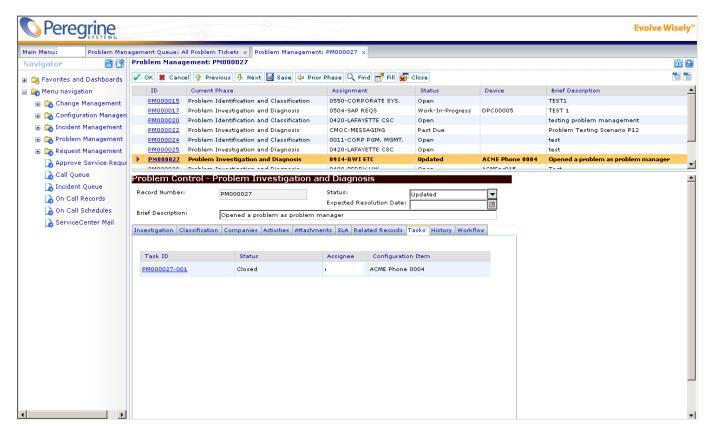
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5. When the Task is complete, it can be closed by clicking the **Close** button.



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6. To verify any additional task or task closure, select the **Tasks** tab.



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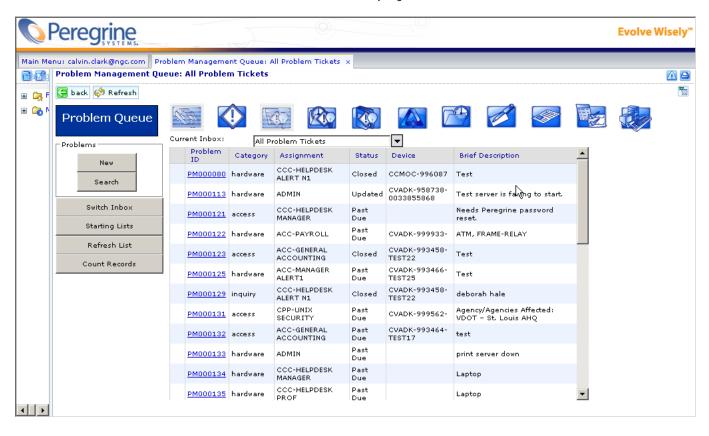
## **Lesson 8: Closing Problem**

1. Click the Problem List icon below to locate the appropriate Problem Record, (see yellow arrow).



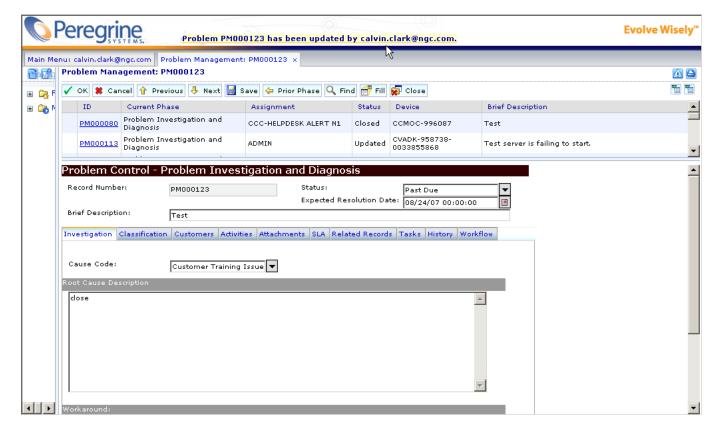
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2. Select the Problem Record to close from the list displayed.



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## 3. Click the Close button at the top of the screen



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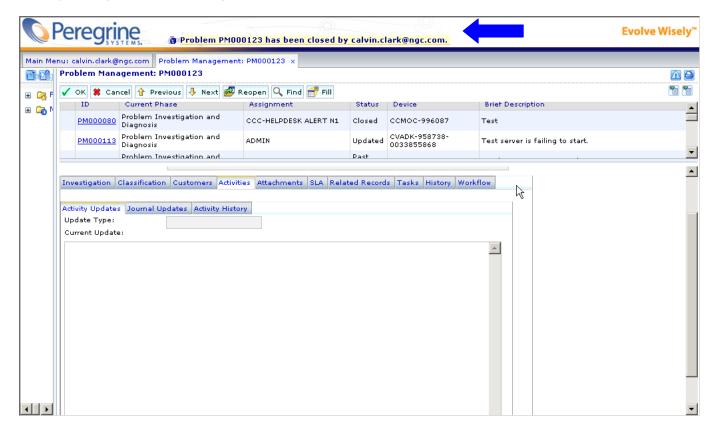
Only the Problem Manager and designated alternate may close a Problem Record. Problem Records without an actual resolution of the Problem may be closed if there has been a mutual decision to close the record and there has been acceptance of risks documented in the Known Error/Problem Records.

Before the record is closed, the Problem Manager will enter the reason for closure in the Activities Tab. All acceptance and agreements will be captured in detail in this note. The "status" will then be moved to "Closed"

This is not indicating that the Problem (issue) has been resolved or is closed. The Problem may still exist and any future events can be linked back to the original Problem Record and consolidated for trending and analysis purposes.

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4. A system generated message at the top of the screen indicates, **Problem** has been closed.



End of Lesson